

MOSELEY-BRAUN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1421, A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat as a zone business an otherwise qualified business dissected by a census tract boundary line of a designated empowerment zone or enterprise community.

S. 1519

At the request of Mr. DOLE, the names of the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] and the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. FAIRCLOTH] were added as cosponsors of S. 1519, a bill to prohibit United States voluntary and assessed contributions to the United Nations if the United Nations imposes any tax or fee on United States persons or continues to develop or promote proposals for such taxes or fees.

S. 1520

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the names of the Senator from Kansas [Mr. DOLE], the Senator from Iowa [Mr. GRASSLEY], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL], and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. SIMON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1520, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Ruth and Billy Graham.

SENATE RESOLUTION 85

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 85, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate that obstetrician-gynecologists should be included in Federal laws relating to the provision of health care.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM EXTENSION ACT OF 1995

D'AMATO (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3118

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. D'AMATO, for himself, Mr. MACK, and Mr. BOND) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1494) to provide an extension for fiscal year 1996 for certain programs administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 2, line 5, strike "During fiscal year 1996" and insert the following: "To the extent that amounts are made available in advance in any appropriations act for contract renewals under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 for fiscal year 1996".

On page 2, line 11, insert "project-based" after "for".

On page 5, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following new sections:

SEC. 7. CAPACITY BUILDING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Section 4 of the HUD Demonstration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 9816 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking "Initiative to develop" and inserting the following: "Initiative—

"(1) to develop";

(B) by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(2) for national or regional organizations or consortia, including Habitat for Humanity International, that have experience in providing or facilitating self-help housing homeownership opportunities.";

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking "and" at the end;

(B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4); and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

"(3) innovative homeownership opportunities for the acquisition and rehabilitation of single family housing through the provision of self-help housing, under which the homeowner contributes a significant amount of sweat equity toward the construction of the new dwelling; and"; and

(3) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the following:

"(e) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 1996, of which \$25,000,000 shall be made available to Habitat for Humanity International for activities under this section."

SEC. 8. THE NATIONAL CITIES IN SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

Section 930(c) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-550, 106 Stat. 3887) is amended to read as follows:

"(c) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 1996."

SEC. 9. AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF 1937 FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY IN PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING.

(a) CONTRACT PROVISIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.—Section 6 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437d) is amended—

(1) in subsection (k), by striking "on or near such premises" and inserting "on or off such premises"; and

(2) in subsection (l)(5), by striking "on or near such premises" and inserting "on or off such premises".

(b) AVAILABILITY OF CRIMINAL RECORDS FOR SCREENING AND EVICTION; EVICTION FOR DRUG-RELATED ACTIVITY.—Section 6 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437d) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

"(q) AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—

"(A) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as provided in subparagraph (B), the National Crime Information Center, police departments, and other law enforcement agencies shall, upon request, provide information to public housing agencies regarding the criminal conviction records of adult applicants for, or tenants of, public housing for purposes of applicant screening, lease enforcement, and eviction.

"(B) EXCEPTION.—Except as provided under any provision of State, tribal, or local law, no law enforcement agency described in subparagraph (A) shall provide information under this paragraph relating to any criminal conviction if the date of that conviction occurred 5 or more years prior to the date on which the request for the information is made.

"(2) OPPORTUNITY TO DISPUTE.—Before an adverse action is taken with regard to assistance under this title on the basis of a criminal record, the public housing agency shall provide the tenant or applicant with a copy of the criminal record and an opportunity to dispute the accuracy and relevance of that record.

"(3) FEE.—A public housing agency may be charged a reasonable fee for information provided under paragraph (1).

"(4) RECORDS MANAGEMENT.—Each public housing agency shall establish and implement a system of records management that ensures that any criminal record received by the public housing agency is—

"(A) maintained confidentially;

"(B) not misused or improperly disseminated; and

"(C) destroyed, once the purpose for which the record was requested has been accomplished.

"(5) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'adult' means a person who is 18 years of age or older, or who has been convicted of a crime as an adult under any Federal, State, or tribal law.

"(r) EVICTION FOR DRUG-RELATED ACTIVITY.—Any tenant evicted from housing assisted under this title by reason of drug-related criminal activity (as that term is defined in section 8(f)(5)) shall not be eligible for housing assistance under this title during the 3-year period beginning on the date of such eviction, unless the evicted tenant successfully completes a rehabilitation program approved by the public housing agency (which shall include a waiver of this subsection if the circumstances leading to eviction no longer exist)."

(c) LIMITATION ON OCCUPANCY IN ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOUSING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437e) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(h) LIMITATION ON OCCUPANCY IN DESIGNATED PROJECTS.—

"(1) OCCUPANCY LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a dwelling unit in a public housing project (or portion of a project) that is designated under subsection (a) shall not be occupied by any person whose illegal use (or pattern of illegal use) of a controlled substance or abuse (or pattern of abuse) of alcohol provides reasonable cause for the public housing agency to believe that such occupancy could interfere with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by the tenants of the public housing project.

"(2) REQUIRED STATEMENT.—A public housing agency may not make a dwelling unit in a public housing project (or portion of a project) designated under subsection (a) available for occupancy to any family, unless the application for occupancy by that family is accompanied by a signed statement that no person who will be occupying the unit illegally uses a controlled substance, or abuses alcohol, in a manner that would interfere with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by the tenants of the public housing project."

(2) LEASE PROVISIONS.—Section 6(l) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437d(1)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (5), by striking "and" at the end;

(B) by redesignating paragraph (6) as paragraph (7); and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following new paragraph:

"(6) provide that any occupancy in violation of section 7(h)(1) or the furnishing of any false or misleading information pursuant to section 7(h)(2) shall be cause for termination of tenancy; and"

(d) INELIGIBILITY OF ILLEGAL DRUG USERS AND ALCOHOL ABUSERS FOR ASSISTED HOUSING.—Section 16 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437n) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(e) INELIGIBILITY OF ILLEGAL DRUG USERS AND ALCOHOL ABUSERS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a public housing agency shall establish standards for occupancy in public housing dwelling units—

“(A) that prohibit occupancy in any such unit by any person—

“(i) who the public housing agency determines is illegally using a controlled substance; or

“(ii) if the public housing agency determines that it has reasonable cause to believe that such person's illegal use (or pattern of illegal use) of a controlled substance, or abuse (or pattern of abuse) of alcohol, could interfere with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by the tenants of the public housing project; and

“(B) that allow the public housing agency to terminate the tenancy in any public housing unit of any person—

“(i) if the public housing agency determines that such person is illegally using a controlled substance; or

“(ii) whose illegal use of a controlled substance, or whose abuse of alcohol, is determined by the public housing agency to interfere with the health, safety, or right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises by the tenants of the public housing project.

“(2) INAPPLICABILITY TO INDIAN HOUSING.—This subsection does not apply to any dwelling unit assisted by an Indian housing authority.”.

SEC. 10. ELIGIBLE HOME EQUITY CONVERSION MORTGAGES.

Section 255(d)(3) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-20(d)(3)) is amended to read as follows:

“(3) be secured by a dwelling that is designed principally for a 1- to 4-family residence in which the mortgagor occupies 1 of the units;”.

On page 5, strike line 8, and insert the following:

SEC. 11. APPLICABILITY.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

WAR ON DRUGS

• Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, last night, President Clinton announced his intention to reenlist in the war against drugs. It is an announcement that is long overdue.

For 3 years, the Clinton administration has failed to provide any leadership in this battle. And one of the results has been a dramatic increase in drug use among America's youth.

One of the most eloquent and effective soldiers in the war against drugs is former First Lady Nancy Reagan. Throughout the 1980's Mrs. Reagan devoted her tremendous energy to leading the “Just Say No” campaign—a campaign that is credited with dramatically lowering this Nation's tolerance and use of illegal drugs.

Like countless other concerned citizens, Mrs. Reagan is concerned with the recent increase in drug use. And a column she wrote in yesterday's Wall Street Journal should be required reading for all Americans.

I salute Mrs. Reagan for her commitment to this most important issue, and I ask that her column be printed in the RECORD.

The column follows:

JUST SAY “WHOA”

(By Nancy Reagan)

Statistics released last fall from the annual Household Survey of Drug Use and, more recently, from the 21st annual Moni-

toring the Future Survey show that marijuana use among teenagers was up again last year. Where is the public outrage over this finding? When will this country realize that as long as we don't wake up and adopt a zero tolerance for drug use, we are heading down a path of no return? Most we lose another generation of children to the horrors of crack addiction? Must the statistics soar to all-time highs before we bother to take notice?

Last March I was invited to testify before a congressional committee, at which time I said: “I am not here to criticize or place blame, but after the great strides that we made just a few years back, I'm worried that this nation is forgetting how endangered our children are by drugs. I'm worried that for the first time in many years, tolerance for drugs and the mistaken perception that ‘everyone is doing it’ is creeping back into our national mentality. And I am worried that the psychological momentum we had against drug use has been lost.

“[Y]et it's more than worry,” I pleaded. “This weakening vigilance against the drug threat can have a tragic effect on this country for many years to come. . . . How could we have forgotten so quickly? Why is it we no longer hear the drumbeat of condemnation against drugs coming from our leaders and our culture? Is it any wonder drug use has started climbing again, and dramatically so?”

Regarding the drug use survey, NBC News reported: “‘Just Say No’ was an effective message in the ‘80s . . . in the ‘90s much more will be needed.” Denver drug counselor Bob Cota emphasized, “Kids have to be shown why they need to learn it early, in the third and fourth grades—and it has to be repeated often.”

Repeated often—like in the ‘80s when the national leadership was vigilant and visible. And yes, we do need even more now. In response to the 1994 Monitoring the Future Survey, Joseph Califano Jr., chairman and president of the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA), warned: “If historical trends continue, the jump in marijuana use among America's children (age 12–18) from 1992 to 1994 signals that 820,000 more of these children will try cocaine in their lifetime. Of that number, about 58,000 will become regular cocaine users and addicts.” In a 1995 survey by CASA, adolescents said that drugs were their “number one” problem. Our children are crying out for help.

While drug use is on the rise, the perceived risk of drug use is on decline. The two go hand in hand. Only a few short years ago, the constant message to young people—in the media, in their classrooms, and in their homes—was that drugs lead to destruction. But where are those messages today? Those messages, those lessons, are what change perceptions, change attitudes, change lives. Each of us has a responsibility to bring back those messages—loud and clear.

Before the drug-use increases of the past three years, we really had seen marked progress. As I told the members of the committee: “A decade of effort was beginning to pay off. Attitudes were being changed. I don't mean to sit here and say that we had won the battle against drugs. I think it's plain we had not.” However, between 1985 and 1992, monthly cocaine use declined 78%, or to an annual rate of 3.1% from its peak of 13.1% in 1985. It's the same story with other numbers: Annual use of any illicit drug by high school seniors dropped to 27.1% in 1992 from 54.2% in 1979. “The battle was going forward one child at a time,” I said in March. “There was momentum, unity, intolerance of the exaggeration and glorification of drug use by the media—we were building peer sup-

port for saying ‘no.’ Children were being taught resistance skills—in short, there was progress.”

Now there is silence—and not without consequence. In 1994, twice the number of eighth-graders were experimenting with marijuana as did in 1991, and daily use of marijuana by high school seniors in 1994 was up by half from 1993. The 1995 Monitoring the Future Survey shows that daily use has made another jump.

We should all, as citizens of this great nation, be frightened by the latest drug statistics. We should all question what they mean to our futures and those of our children. We should all resolve not to be silent any longer. By the latest drug statistics and the renewed calls for legalization of marijuana, it is painfully obvious that our “letting up” is going to let down the young people of this country. It's time to just say “Whoa!” •

STUDENT LOANS AND CORPORATE WELFARE

• Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, in his State of the Union Address, President Clinton made a reference to the successful effort to streamline the college student loan process and make repayment easier.

Some of my colleagues may be surprised to learn that much of the credit for these improvements should go to a conservative Republican from Wisconsin, Representative TOM PETRI. He developed one of the earliest models for a direct loan program and for income-contingent repayment, and he has been a consistent proponent over the years.

Earlier this month, Congressman PETRI appealed to fellow conservatives to help save the direct loan program, which has come under attack by banks and agencies that do not want to lose their Government-guaranteed income.

I urge my colleagues to read Mr. PETRI's article which appeared in the Washington Times on January 9. I ask that the article be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

STUDENT LOANS: DIRECT LENDING VS. SPECIAL PLEAS

(By Thomas E. Petri)

How's this for a switch? The Clinton administration stands firm for private enterprise and competition, against Republican attempts to stomp out a successful competitor and perpetuate an inefficient monopoly.

That's exactly what's occurring in the ongoing student loan debate. Administration officials accuse congressional Republicans of caving in to loan-industry lobbyists by eviscerating the Direct Student Loan program. And on this issue, the administration actually occupies the conservative high ground.

The loan industry (banks, secondary markets and guaranty agencies) wants to protect its lucrative, fraud-infested, no-risk student loan program from any meaningful competition. It's losing in the marketplace; so it mounted a multi-million-dollar lobbying campaign this year to persuade Congress to eliminate direct student loans.

By casting the debate in simple, ideological terms, the loan lobbyists have won some allies. They've equated the Department of Education's Direct Student Loan (DSL) program with Big Government—and they've successfully portrayed it as a Clinton initiative. That guarantees enmity from conservative Republicans.